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J W B Douglas

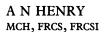
J W B DOUGLAS BA, BSC, BM, BCH

Early in his career James Douglas began a study that was to be his concern throughout his working life: the first national investigation of maternity and infant survival. It began in 1946 and studied a large sample of infants throughout childhood and into adult life. From the information collected he was one of the first to show the social and geographical differences in birth weight and risk of infant death, and the continuing importance of early home life and family circumstances in children's health and development. He contributed also to understanding of the long term effects of admission to hospital during childhood, the outcomes of low birth weight in early adulthood, and how factors in infancy affect the risk of bronchitis in childhood. He wrote four books and numerous papers and chapters about the study.

Douglas's original work on maternity became the model for the two later national perinatal mortality studies, and his follow up work was also replicated on later birth cohorts. He was awarded the British Paediatric Association's James Spence medal and made an honorary life member of the British Paediatric Association and the Society for Social Medicine.

A quiet and scholarly man, Douglas is survived by his wife, Rachel, and a daughter and three sons.—
MEJWADSWORTH

James William Bruce Douglas, formerly director of the Medical Research Council's national survey of health and development, died 2 December. Born Alperton, Middlesex, 18 June 1914; educated Oxford University (BA 1935, BSc 1937) and St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School (BM, BCh 1939). Was lecturer in physiology at Oxford University, research fellow at London School of Economics, and reader in social medicine at University of Edinburgh before becoming MRC director.



By every standard, Adrian Henry's life was one of unusual achievement. His student career was remarkable for its extramural activities: these included representing his university in sailing and being a reserve for his national team at the Helsinki European Games; racing in the Irish Grand National (though unplaced, he completed the course); and having paintings exhibited in the Irish Royal Academy (he had spent a year at Dublin College of Art before studying medicine). During a year's exchange in Jamaica he led the local polo team.

His first commitment at Guy's Hospital was to children's orthopaedics at the Evelina Hospital and to the particular problems of deformity in cerebral palsy. His teaching and lectures emphasised not only the patients' physical difficulties but also the problems of parents and close relatives in coping with emotions. But his greatest contribution was to surgery of the knee. He recognised the potential of the newly invented arthroscope for precise diagnosis. His report of a prospective series of 100 consecutive arthroscopies and the proper preoperative diagnoses based on clinical signs became the standard reference and made the case for scientific method against clinical impression.

Adrian helped to establish the British Association for Surgery of the Knee, of which he was first president, and cofounded the International Arthroscopy Association and the European Society for Knee Surgery, which changed the face of sports medicine. Recognising his qualities of leadership, several organisations availed themselves of them.

Outside medicine he sought outlets in various equestrian sports and was an industrious master of fox hounds. He also enjoyed fishing and sailing. He is survived by his wife, Ros, and their four children.—MICHAEL LAURENCE

Adrian Needham Henry, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Guy's Hospital 1967-90, died 13 October. Born Dublin, 22 June 1930; studied medicine at Trinity College, Dublin (BA 1952; MB, BCh, BAO 1954). Registrar in orthopaedics at Bristol Royal Infirmary; senior registrar at Middlesex Hospital and University Hospital of the West Indies in Jamaica. British Orthopaedic Association travelling fellow, 1967; orthopaedic representative of Royal College of Surgeons Travelling Club; president of orthopaedic section of Royal Society of Medicine.

R B McGRIGOR MBE, MCHIR, FRCS

Despite initial difficulties Ronald McGrigor developed a first class surgical division at Redhill, where he took a great interest in his juniors' careers.

Sadly, in 1983 he had to retire because of ill health, but with a new heart valve he proceeded to work just as hard and as chairman of the Friends of East Surrey Hospital did outstanding work. He excelled at sport and in retirement continued his annual skiing; he also enjoyed hill walks, golf, and restoring antiques. He was very much a private person. After the tragic death of June, his first wife, Ronald married Elizabeth, who survives him with three children and two stepchildren.

—PAGET DAVIES

Ronald Buchanan McGrigor, a consultant surgeon in Redhill and Netherne district 1960-83, died 26 October aged 71. Born I January 1920; educated Stowe School and Cambridge University and St Bartholomew's Hospital (MRCS, LRCP 1942; MB, BChir 1949). During war served with Royal Army Medical Corps in north west Europe (awarded MBE). Senior surgical registrar at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

G H MOSS FFR, DMRD

Geoffrey Moss was appointed the first neuroradiologist in Leicester in 1962. He was a dedicated radiologist of vision who loved teaching. For many years he managed the department of radiology, served on hospital and district management committees, and had a leading role in the campaign resulting in the installation of a computed tomography head scanner in 1976.

Geoffrey had many gifts, being a keen sportsman and a fine painter who exhibited his work on many occasions. His love of art resulted in a collection of artwork being established at Leicester Royal Infirmary; the room containing the collection will now be known as the Geoffrey Moss Gallery and is used for the benefit of patients, visitors, and staff. Geoffrey's presidential address to Leicestershire Medical Society was on "The illusion in art," a concept familiar to radiologists everywhere.

Despite his failing health Geoffrey remained committed to his work. He is survived by his wife, Lucy, and their daughter, Gillian.—GRCHERRYMAN

Geoffrey Hildreth Moss, a consultant neuroradiologist at Leicester Royal Infirmary and Loughborough General Hospital since 1962 and chairman of Leicestershire School of Radiography since 1985,



A N Henry

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died 12 December aged 64. Born York, 2 July 1927; studied medicine at Peterhouse College, Cambridge, and University College Hospital (MB, BChir 1951). National service in Royal Air Force. Senior registrar in radiology, united Sheffield hospitals.



P D Thomson

P D THOMSON OBE, TD(BAR), FRCSED, FRCGP

Although interested in surgery, Peter Thomson was always a general practitioner at heart. He studied surgery while practising in Dunfermline and then took over a practice in Dingwall, where he did surgical sessions in Ross Memorial Hospital until 1939. After the war he returned to his practice in Dingwall and worked there until the age of 70.

In addition to his ordinary duties Peter engaged in administrative work, becoming a member and finally chairman of both Ross and Cromarty Local Medical Committee and the executive council. He served on the Scottish council of the BMA for several years. A founder member of the northern faculty of the Royal College of General Practitioners, he later became its provost.

In his retirement Peter found relaxation in painting and making walking sticks and shepherds' crooks. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.—RALPH D GUY

Peter Dewar Thomson, formerly a general practitioner in Dingwall, died 3 December. Born Hamilton, 11 March 1902; educated Hamilton Academy, Glasgow University (MB, ChB 1925). Previously general practitioner in Dunfermline. During war served as surgical specialist in north Africa, Middle East, and north west Europe. Awarded OBE in 1971.



JRS Hutchison

J R S HUTCHISON FFARCS

Jim Hutchison devoted much time to teaching his juniors; his quiet, dry humour made him popular. He played a prominent part in introducing open heart surgery to the cardiothoracic unit at Mearnskirk Hospital, Glasgow, in the early 1960s.

He loved the sea and was never happier than when pottering about with boats: he had spent a year in a Norwegian whaling ship in the Antarctic and served in the Royal Navy. Early retirement enabled him to move to live by the sea in Ayrshire. He and his wife sailed and enjoyed travelling.

The last year of Jim's life was dogged by recurring illness. After an operation for lung cancer he developed carcinoma of the colon. He is survived by his wife, Helena, a retired consultant cytopathologist.—

J M REID

James Robert Stewart Hutchison, a consultant anaesthetist at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, and associated hospitals 1961-84, died 8 October aged 68. Born 15 March 1923; educated Paisley Grammar School and Marr College, Troon, and Glasgow University (MB, ChB 1946). Medical officer to Norwegian whaling expedition 1946-7; national service in Royal Navy 1947-9. General practitioner, then held training posts in anaesthesia in Newcastle upon Tyne and Glasgow.

Florence Cavanagh (née Nightingale), FRCSED, DLO, formerly a consultant ear, nose, and throat surgeon at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and Duchess of York Hospital for Babies, died 20 October aged 84. Educated at Blackburn High School for Girls and Manchester University (BSc 1928), she married Bernard Cavanagh while she was a student. They then went to Australia, and she graduated MB, BS in Melbourne in 1933. They returned to England with two small children, and she rose to become probably the most experienced paediatric ear, nose, and throat

surgeon in Britain. In Florence's day it was extremely unusual for a woman to have a career to consultant level, to run a home, and to bring up four children at the same time. Her principal interests were gardening, walking, and keeping up with medicine. Her husband died after 55 years of marriage; she is survived by four children, one of whom is a doctor, and seven grandchildren and two great grandsons.—OLIVER TAYLOR

Ian Eustace Jameson, MRCGP, a general practitioner in the Isle of Harris 1972-9, died on 6 October aged 76. Born in Dublin in 1915, he was educated at Salisbury Cathedral School and Dundalk Grammar School before graduating LRCPI&LM, LRCSI&LM from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in 1940. After serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps in India during the war he entered general practice in Salisbury in 1947. During the next 25 years, as well as running a busy practice he played an active part in the BMA. He also served as chairman of Wiltshire Executive Council and Wiltshire Local Medical Committee and was founder chairman of Salisbury Medical Centre for Postgraduate Education. In 1972 he took on a singlehanded practice in the Isle of Harris, where he could indulge his love of outdoor pursuits.

Retiring to Norfolk in 1979, he was to retire twice more from a local practice where he gave part time help. A cheerful and optimistic man, he is survived by his wife, Pat, and children, Clodagh, Tim, and Brian.—P IAMESON

Dayanand Naidoo, MSC, PHD, FRCPED, FRCPSYCH, FRCPATH, FRCP(C), latterly a clinical psychiatrist in the south east of England, has died. Born on 3 February 1918, he graduated LRCP&SEd, LRFPSGlas in Glasgow in 1943. After working at the Maudsley Hospital, where he became senior lecturer in neuropathology, and a year as a Nuffield fellow, in 1958 he moved to Canada, becoming director of clinical research at the University of Toronto. He returned to England in 1964 to practise clinical psychiatry. Despite deteriorating health, until his death he travelled extensively abroad as a visiting fellow and adviser on psychiatric education; he also worked as a consultant in psychological medicine in Riyadh and as a visiting professor of psychiatry in Beijing. He died of altitude sickness during a visit to Tibet and is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son (all of whom entered the medical profession), and five grandchildren.— RAGHU GAIND

Hugh Bernard Graham Thomas, FRCPSYCH, a consultant psychiatrist at Middlewood Hospital, Sheffield, died on 31 October, having been ill for several months. He had been Robert Styring scholar at Queen's College, Oxford, and Goldsmith entrance scholar at University College Hospital (BM, BCh 1957). He worked at the Salpêtrière as a Medical Research Council exchange scholar with the Centre de Langage and later at the Cambridge Psychological Laboratory, on the psychology of arithmetic calculations. He was chief of the schizophrenia research unit at Illinois State Psychiatric Unit in Chicago from 1967 to 1970 and then returned to England, becoming a lecturer in psychiatry and, in 1976, a consultant in Sheffield. Hugh had a striking trenchancy and loved such things as wine, fishing, cooking, country shows, and Mozart. He spoke French and Spanish; had knowledge of cybernetics, information and decision theory, and mathematical psychology; and wrote excellent poetry. An entertaining and enterprising companion, he is survived by his daughter, Emma. F A JENNER